

The next WISSH meeting is Tuesday, May 2, 2006 at 3:30 p.m.

Town of Wenham  
Wenham Issues of Social Service Housing  
Meeting of Tuesday, April 4, 2006 ~ 3:30 PM  
Recreation Building

Present: Susan Harnisch, Chair; Tom Tanous; Jack Hauck; Susan Carp; Sue Bannon; Don Killam; Margaret Scoglio; Catherine Tinsley, Secretary  
Not Present: Win Dodge; Ken Walsh; Cal Perkins; Ann Mulry- Shaw

Ms. Harnisch called the meeting to order at 3:36 p.m.

Minutes

*Mr. Hauck moved to accept the WISSH minutes of March 7, 2006.*

*Ms. Carp seconded and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.*

Susan Harnisch - WISSH Coordinator

WISSH fund balance: \$10007.26

Ms. Harnisch reported the following requests for Financial Assistance:

Case no. 185 in the amount of \$500 for fuel assistance. A list of additional agencies was provided to this applicant.

*Mr. Killam moved to approve the request for fuel assistance in the amount of \$500. Ms. Bannon seconded and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.*

Case numbers will be given to the following applications upon receipt of the paper work:

A resident with various medical conditions was contacted and responded that there are excessive heating bills and will submit a request for assistance.

The committee discussed and it was agreed to offer assistance for heating costs.

- *Mr. Killam moved to approve heating assistance. Mr. Hauck seconded and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.*

A previous applicant was contacted and responded that there are outstanding electric bills and will submit a request for assistance.

- *Ms. Bannon moved to approve financial assistance to a previous applicant for an electric bill. Ms. Carp seconded and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.*

The Committee discussed the Chair contacting previous applicants with information regarding available funds and agreed the Committee will continue to be pro-active.

Amendments to the current bylaws regarding financial assistance were discussed.

The Committee was informed that the demolition on the old town hall will be done this summer and the entry locks have been changed and access to the building is by appointment only.

Ms. Harnisch identified that the current affordable units in Town is currently 110 and that 130 units are necessary to reach the required 10% of the population of Wenham, identified as 1,300 households which includes Gordon College.

The affordable housing lottery list has five names on it.

The Committee will seek permission from the Town Administrator and the Selectmen to set up a program to use HUD money.

The Town received \$7856 for rental assistance from North Shore Home Consortium (HSHC). Kevin Hurley was identified as the Director of the NSHC and will be asked for more information regarding the program.

Regarding the River Street House in Beverly, it was noted that the WISSH Committee has given to the River House the previous two years and it was questioned if WISSH has the money to continue to support the program. It was the will of the Committee to wait until further information regarding the HUD money is received.

Mr. Tanous stated that Bob Blanchard is now the Fire Chief and should be asked to attend the meetings, adding that Cal Perkins can also remain on the Committee.

4:17 p.m. Mr. Hauck moved to adjourn and it was unanimous to do so.